

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KAREN JO MURPHY,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

No. C 10-5837 MMC

**ORDER AFFORDING PARTIES LEAVE  
TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING;  
CONTINUING HEARING**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; WACHOVIA  
MORTGAGE, a division of WELLS FARGO  
BANK, N.A., and formerly known as  
WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, formerly  
known as WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB;  
and DOES 1-50, inclusive,  
Defendants.

Before the Court is the motion of defendant Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"), filed August 22, 2011, to dismiss plaintiff Karen Jo Murphy's ("Murphy") Second Amended Complaint ("SAC"); Murphy has filed opposition thereto, to which Wells Fargo has replied. Also before the Court is Wells Fargo's motion, likewise filed August 22, 2011, to strike portions of the SAC; Murphy has filed a separate opposition thereto, to which Wells Fargo has not replied. The Court has read and considered the papers filed in support of and in opposition to the motions, and, as discussed below, finds it is appropriate to afford the parties leave to file supplemental briefing with respect to the Second Cause of Action.

Although not raised by the parties, it would appear that Murphy's Second Cause of Action, Quiet Title, is not a viable claim where, as here, a foreclosure and sale already have


1 occurred. (See Second Am. Compl. at 3:17-18 (alleging that “[i]n or around June of 2010,”  
2 foreclosure was “completed”)); see also Distor v. U.S. Bank NA, No. C 09-02086 SI, 2009  
3 WL 3429700, at \*6 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 22, 2009) (holding, “because the property has already  
4 been sold, quiet title is no longer an appropriate action to seek to undo the foreclosure”);  
5 Lopez v. Chase Home Fin., LLC, No. CV F 09-0449, 2009 WL 981676, at \*7 (E.D. Cal. Apr.  
6 9, 2009) (noting, “[i]f the foreclosure is successful, title will change, and the quiet title claim  
7 is an improper means to challenge foreclosure”).

8 Accordingly, Murphy is hereby afforded leave to file supplemental opposition, no  
9 later than November 18, 2011, and not to exceed seven pages in length exclusive of  
10 exhibits, to address the issue of whether she can proceed on her quiet title claim as a  
11 means to challenge a foreclosure sale that has already occurred. In the event that Murphy  
12 files supplemental opposition, Wells Fargo is hereby afforded leave to file a supplemental  
13 reply, no later than December 2, 2011, and not to exceed five pages in length exclusive of  
14 exhibits.

15 In light of the above, the hearing scheduled for November 4, 2011 is hereby  
16 CONTINUED to December 16, 2011.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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19 Dated: November 1, 2011

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MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge